

Brian T. Bilski

Brian Bilski is currently working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an Economic Liaison for the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI) in Orlando, Florida, and is also the coordinator for 25 VECI cities on the East coast, from New York to Miami.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Economic Communities Initiative was launched last year by Secretary McDonald and is located in 50 cities nationwide. The VECI aims to support the economic success of Veterans and their families by bringing together community partners to coordinate and integrate services at the local level.

Prior to joining the VECI team, Brian completed a successful 22 year career in the United States Marine Corps retiring in August of 2014. Starting his career as a Marine Aviator flying attack helicopters out of Camp Pendleton, CA from where he deployed multiple times overseas. Brian's career also included multiple billets with 4th Marine Division, New Orleans, and Headquarters Marine Corps Intelligence and Communications, Washington D.C.

Brian spent the last four years of his career serving in multiple roles with the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR), Quantico, VA. As the WWR Legislative Affairs Officer he educated members of Congress on the challenges and solutions for supporting Wounded Warriors and their families through their rehabilitation and reintegration back home. As Charitable Organizations Officer, he worked with hundreds of nonprofits and Veteran Service Organizations to coordinate support for Wounded, Ill and Injured Marines and their families. Finally as the Transition Officer, Brian oversaw the Regiments transition team's efforts in supporting over 5,000 Wounded Marines on active duty and over 27,000 Wounded Marine Veterans and their families nationwide. Through coordination with strategic partners across government, private sector, non-profits, education institutions and the other Military services WWR was successful in supporting transitioning Marines and their families into education, vocational training and meaningful career opportunities. Brian earned multiple personal awards for his service in the Marine Corps including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (Valor).

Originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, he is a graduate from Western Michigan University where he earned a B.S. in Aviation Science. He is married to Navy Veteran Dr. Tracy Bilski, they have three kids, Sofia (13), Nicholas (12) and Vincent (10).